

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-39 are pending.

Claims 21-39 are based on claims 1-13 of U.S. patent No. 6,593,327 (hereinafter referred to as "the '327 patent"). 37 CFR 1.607(c).

A 37 CFR 1.607 request for an interference request with the '327 patent is submitted herewith. Therefore, this application must be examined with "*special dispatch within the Patent and Trademark Office.*" 37 CFR 1.607(b).

Respectfully submitted,



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